

Application No. 10/092,920
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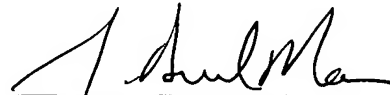
colorant particles, agglomerating the aggregations, spray coating the thus formed toner particles and impacting the coated toner particles to fix the charge control agent to the surface of the particles. The Examiner further states that this method is materially different as it does not require mixing the charge control agent and toner particles in a mixer with a rotor. While the Examiner states that the stated process would be able to make the present product, as claimed, there is nothing in the record suggesting that this is the case. This is a conclusion without supporting evidence. Accordingly, the Examiner has not provided sufficient reasons to support a conclusion of patentable distinctness.

As Applicants have elected Group I, with traverse, it is understood that no election of species is necessary.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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